Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers accomplished the first powered flight of a "heavier-than-air" aircraft and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and adventures ever witnessed by human-kind; and,

Whereas, The first flight would not have been possible without the assistance of Charles E. Taylor who built the engine that powered the Wright Flyer; and,

Whereas, Aviation is critical in connecting rural South Dakota with the rest of the nation's air transportation system, and the aviation maintenance technicians that keep the aircraft safe are a vital part of the air transportation system; and,

Whereas, May 24th is the 135th birthday of Charles E. Taylor, the first Aviation Maintenance Technician and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2003, as

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eight Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State